

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad – Khalifatul Masih IV. On 10th May 1996

It is not essential for a Sign of warning or good news to occur on every "Friday the Tenth" but after seeing today's news I felt that the news coming from India contains a Sign of great warning being shown to the Muslims to rouse them into rectifying their morals. Presently the Bharatiya Janata Party has single-handedly excelled every other group and political party in India that is to say the BJP have taken more Votes than any other Party in the recent elections in India. This is a major event which would influence the neighbouring countries and Pakistan and Kashmir in particular.

If the surmise is true that this event relates to "Friday the Tenth" then I assure the Ahmadiyya Community that whatever the effects it will prove in favour of the Ahmadiyya Community. It seems as if there would be a trial so it is incumbent upon us to especially pray for our Muslim brothers that Allah the Almighty grants them sense and discernment and that if they are to be tested through it then Allah the Almighty may enable them to accomplish this trial with heads held high.

In light of the Quranic verses Allah the Almighty has knowledge of the hidden and the seen and knows the truth concerning the apparent and the hidden things. One can see that the BJP has already started their Propaganda by saying that *people are trying to disgrace us for no reason and say that we are an extremist group, that Muslims would be dealt cruelly with us at the forefront, that we would bring about a bloody revolution but you will see that we are even more fair than the Congress* although until yesterday they were announcing that *there is only space for Hindus in India, there is no place [here] for Muslims and they should leave because they are foreigners who have settled here and if they wish to remain here then they will have to bow their heads before us*. This is an announcement like the one already made in Pakistan against the Ahmadiyya Community. In this way the custom that was attemptedly instigated in Pakistan would be instigated in India too and would target not just the Ahmadis but all Muslims. The BJP claimed that they would wipe the name of Islam from the whole of India. That a Muslim can only remain here by adopting the Hindu customs. There is cause for consternation in these statements for the intellectuals and those with insight because according to me the Mullah of Pakistan is responsible for this extremism. Had the Mullah of Pakistan not existed it is impossible for this ignorance to have raised its head so forcefully in India. During the investigation of the 1953 riots 2 renowned and defining statesmen of Pakistan's Supreme Court Justice Munir and Justice Kayani who were judges of great acumen understood even back then that the Mullah is taking not only Pakistan but India along with it towards manifest discontent.

The Muslims of India are already being tortured but when such cruelties are etched into law and meted out in the name of religion they crush the spirit of a nation even if they may not appear to be so barbaric and a nation is murdered on a large scale and this murder of a nation is far more dire than the murder or torture of an individual. The Muslims of India are already fighting a battle for their rights but when all their traditional values and what is their legal right would be demolished with a single blow then a terrifying scenario would materialise which makes one shudder even to think of.

Ahmadis have passed through this era. They know how those whose basic rights are snatched away feel. So we have entered an epoch-making era with a very macabre beginning. The fact of the matter is that Pakistan needs to take a second glance at their state of affairs. Cruelty in the name of religion is ignorance manifest but because this is done in the name of God so Almighty God never leaves such perpetrators of cruelty free [to roam]. Such nations are punished for a long time. In European history the example of Spain is before us where first the Muslims, then the Jews then various Christian sects were dealt a cruel blow in the name of Christian solidarity with the result that Spain which was once a great country fell into darkness and today it has become a European country lagging farthest behind.

When God's people who were the most fervent lovers of Muhammad, who truly loved Islam more than any other, were dealt with cruelly in Pakistan and presented before the courts as enemies of Islam and blasphemers against the Prophet of Allah and criminals how can this country possibly escape the grip of God?

Divine communities are specifically targeted with cruelties have to offer sacrifices and we have been offering sacrifices from the start but when the government carries out the cruelties by writing them into the law it is an attack upon the life and the security of the land.

Allah the Almighty has granted success to the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan. He has granted them the courage to very successfully negate the onslaught of the enemy. The government has failed to wipe out the name of Ahmadiyya despite all their machinations and plots and it resulted instead in Ahmadiyya becoming stronger everywhere. This is the ability which is granted by God the Almighty. So nothing is left of a government that is bent upon crushing a group of people through legislation unless it is supported and helped by God.

So the Muslims should take another look at their character, their mind-set. No religion permits violating the rights of another in the name of religion and if it does it is a false religion so do not place Islam in the same line as the false religions. Islam uplifts justice and gives clear commandments and directives regarding justice as no other religion in the world does.

In this situation the greatest responsibility falls upon the Ahmadiyya Community. This is because Islamic civilisation and values are about to come under attack. So the Community will have to move forward in the field of offering sacrifices and raise their voices against it at every cost. In their own countries as well as in India. If anyone has the capability to create a revolution in both places through words of logic and good counsel it is the Ahmadiyya Community. So turn to prayers and be certain that whatever revolutions are about to take place we are certainly to pass through grief and tribulation but as far as the Ahmadiyya Community is concerned know that our God is the Great and the Most High and that in the end we shall neither despair nor fail.

It is the responsibility of the Ahmadis of India to meet the dignitaries at every level of local or national politics and inform them of the despotism about to take place. The economic situation in India and Pakistan cannot possibly bear such an era of cruelties. In such a situation neither Hindu nor the Muslim will be victorious because religious extremism has never wreaked anything but destruction upon the world. They should admonish the powerful people controlling India to learn a lesson from Pakistan, to take heed, to see what a fearful

state that country is in. Pray that Allah the Almighty may grant some form of awareness to these nations so they may be saved from destruction and turmoil.

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